order. The firm has been deregistered for supplies to Defence.

Supply of sub-standard grease by M|s. Krishna Grease manufacturing Co., Calcutta

1537. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company, Calcutta, had been ordered to repay Rs. 1.50 crores for the supply of sub-standard Grease, SG-240, but no action has been taken so far against the culprits involved in this affair;

(b) whether it is a fact that this said firm was de-registered for sub-standard supply but immediately after expiry of one and a half month, de-registration was revoked and order for the supply of Grease SG-240 and LG-280 was placed again with it; and

(c) if so, on whose orders and under what conditions the de-registration was revoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Against a supply order placed by DGS&D on M|s Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company, Calcutta, the firm had supplied 196.455 MT of SG-240 and 810.937 MT of LG-280, of total value of Rs. 1.59 crores (approx).

Since standard checks on samples drawn from some of the batches of the aforesaid supplies were not found to be in conformity with the specifications, these batches were rejected. The rest of the supplies were frozen and an inquiry ordered into the matter. DGS&D has been advised to ask : (i) M/s. Krishna Grease Manufacturing Company to replace the rejected consignments; and (ii) to withhold payment for supplies against this supply order. The firm has been de-registered for supplies to Defence. Further, two officials of the Controllerate of Quality Assurance (Petroleum Products) have been transferred.

(b) and (c) The firm was de-registered on 3-7-88 by the Director, Quality Assurance (Stores) of DGQA Organisation, as the firm had not replaced some consignments of stores which were lying rejected at the consignee's end. After receipt of information that they had replaced these consignments, the de-registration was revoked by DQA(S) himself on 30-8-88. The order for supply of grease SG-240 and LG-280 was placed on this firm in Oct. 1988 by the Director General, Supplies & Disposal.

Malaria Eradication Programme

1538. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaria Eradication Programme was launched in some parts of the country with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the number of workers engaged in different States under the Scheme;

(c) whether some such schemes are being discontinued;

(d) if so, the number of workers likely to be affected due to the winding up of those schemes; and

(e) the steps taken to provide alternative employment to those workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Employees of Indian Statistical Institute

1539. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all categories of employees of Indian Statistical Institute, including Professors have been on hunger-strike and mass demonstration for quite some time;